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The Executive Board of the Wallops Exchange and Morale Association (WEMA) hosted the annual Employee Appreciation Picnic at the Pavilion on Thursday, August 7. A large number of Wallops employees attended the popular event. Thanks to Gordon Marsh, Johnny Conquest, Claudia Underwood, Regena Haugh, Linda Layton, Betty Flowers, Karen Thornes and Jay Savage who cooked and served 240 kielbasa, 140 hot dogs and 150 hamburgers (530 sandwiches) as well as sodas, chips and cake.

WEMA's function is to promote the social, athletic, educational, cultural and other interests of its members. All NASA Wallops Flight Facility (WFF) civil service employees, active and retired, and their dependent children, spouses, and parents are members of WEMA. Contractors and their families and tenants are extended Associate Memberships.

It is WEMA's policy to conduct its activities in such a manner as to stimulate and strengthen the morale of Wallops employees.



Meet the WEMA Executive Council

Gordon Marsh, Chairperson
Betty Flowers, Vice-Chairperson
Jay Savage, Treasurer
Linda Layton, Exchange Operations Manager
Regena Haugh, Executive Secretary
Claudia Underwood, Morale Activities Manager

The WEMA Executive Council members are civil service NASA WFF employees appointed by the Center Director and serve on a volunteer basis. Dr. John Campbell is the Advisor.

Did you know?

The Council oversees the operation of the Wallops cafeteria in Building E-2, providing breakfast and lunch for employees, tenants and visitors during normal working hours; a formal dining room in the same building for special occasions; and the Rocket Club in Building F-3 for after-hours entertainment. A large conference room also is available in Building F-3 for employee use during and after normal work hours. WEMA provides vending machines located throughout the Facility.

WEMA also operates an Exchange Store in Building E-2, a gift shop at the NASA Visitor Center, and is responsible for 72 dormitory rooms in Buildings F-4 and F-5. WEMA provides catering services for personnel attending classes at the Management Education Center and for special occasions.

WEMA employs nine full-time, seven part-time and six call-in personnel to operate the cafeteria, gift shop, exchange store, office, Rocket Club and dormitories.

Who provides the various activities?

A standing WEMA committee, the Morale Activities Committee (MAC), supports social, athletic, educational, cultural and other activities of WEMA members. This committee is responsible for maintenance, upkeep and safety of athletic and recreational facilities. MAC also sponsors special events — the annual Easter Egg Hunt, Daytona 500 and Super Bowl parties, lobster and steak dinners and various other events.

The WEMA Executive Council sponsors and funds the annual Holiday Party following the Awards Ceremony.

Can individual employee groups organize a club?

While employees are free to develop their own group activities independent of WEMA, such interest may be enhanced by support such as equipment and facilities. WEMA recognizes the value of individual employee groups organized to pursue specific interests. All groups or clubs expecting WEMA support, including use of facilities, must be formally recognized by the MAC and approved by the WEMA Executive Council.

WEMA is not responsible for the conduct or activities of any recognized club. Each club selects from its membership, a president, vice-president and treasurer. One of these officers must be a NASA WFF civil servant. It is WEMA policy that all clubs will be self-supporting.

All members of the WEMA Executive Council and Morale Activities Committee serve without compensation.

For further information about WEMA, contact any of the Executive Council members.



Photos by the Wallops Imaging Lab



Perseid Meteor Shower Viewing



Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge Manager, Lou Hinds, has announced that hours at the Wildlife Refuge on Assateague Island will be extended this evening, August 11, to accommodate viewing of the Perseid Meteor Shower.

Anyone that would like to view the meteor shower from the Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge MUST arrive before the entrance gate closes at 10 p.m. Although no one will be allowed access after 10 p.m., visitors may stay as long as they want and are free to leave at any time. Access to trails and other facilities will be closed. Beach parking lots 2 and 3 will remain open.

For further information call the Refuge at 336-5122.

LaunchFest at Goddard

On Saturday, September 13, the community will be invited into the Goddard Space Flight Center for LaunchFest, an open house celebrating Goddard's several major missions.

The day will include a variety of activities, demonstrations, Center tours, live entertainment, delicious cuisine from participating food vendors, and much more.

For more information contact Leslee Cork in Goddard's Public Affairs Office at 66-0676.

In the Field

A NASA Sounding Rocket Operations Contract (NSROC) team is in New Mexico preparing for the launch from White Sands Missile Range of a Terrier-Black Brant sounding rocket currently on schedule for September 10.

The objective of this experiment is to measure the vector magnetic field between the Sun's photosphere and corona.

Electrostatic Discharge Training

8 a.m. to noon

August 14

Building E-107, Room 117

Instructor: Robert Nock

This course is offered at no cost to all NASA and contractor employees.

Registration is via SATERN at the following site: <https://satern.nasa.gov/elms/learner/authenticate.do>

Mark your Calendar For a Lobster Fest

6 p.m.
August 29
Rocket Club



Tickets are \$16 per person and can be purchased in the Exchange, Bldg. E-2, and the Rocket Club, Bldg. F-3. Deadline to purchase tickets is August 22.

Investment Day

9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

August 13

Bldg. N-133

Is the uncertainty of the financial markets causing anxiety about your investments, retirement, and future?

Financial Advisor, Erdal Elmas, will be at the Credit Union to meet with employees to review investment plans, discuss retirement strategies, and address any other financial planning concerns you might have.

There is no cost and no obligation. Gather up your most recent investment statements and call to schedule a personal meeting at 1-888-627-2328, ext. 650.



Chincoteague apartment, spacious 2 bedroom, \$575 per month, plus electric and deposit. Call Jerry 757-894-5914, or 824-1100 leave a message.

Reminder!
American Red Cross
Blood Drive
August 13
9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Bldg. F-3, Rocket
Club

NASA Environmental and Energy Conference

Sept. 22-26, 2008

NASA Langley Research Center

To strengthen communication and promote synergy across the Agency's environmental management community, provide opportunities to share innovative risk mitigation measures and best management practices, and increase awareness of across the NASA workforce of the Agency's successes and ongoing challenges in environmental stewardship.

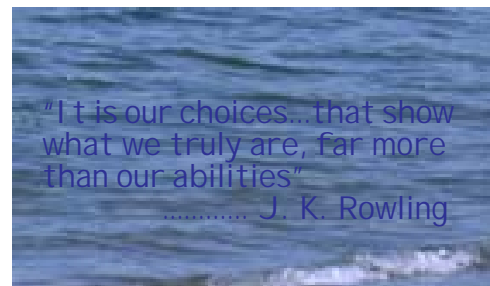
Topics planned to be discussed: Energy / Water, Communications, Materials Obsolescence, Materials Management, NEPA, Climate Change, Cultural Resources, Transition, EMS / EFR / HM-HW, Environmental Information Systems, Emerging Contaminants / Cleanup, RAP / P2.

The conference is open to all NASA, other federal agencies and contractor personnel.

For additional information and conference registration: http://www.teerm.nasa.gov/Environmental_EnergyConference2008.html

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